

By the River

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1. Chapter 1

Chapter 1

Heisuke is down by the river, his bright blue eyes is staring out at the river. He thinks back a few years, and remembers a young man about his age with blue hair and green eyes. They were laughing and skipping rocks. He breaks the memory by laying back into the grass. The sky was painted orange and pink as the sun set over the hill. He was completely taken with the beauty. "Yo Heisuke!" That moment was over in a flash. He turns to see Sano an average man with red shaggy hair tied back and light brown eyes, and Shinpachi a broader man with spiked up brown hair and blue eyes; they wave with huge smiles on their face.

>"Oh man. Come on guys I'm as broke as you! I'm not paying this time!"
"Oh yes you are! You and Sano left me for the bill last time! He's already paid his dues. Now it's your turn."

>"Ugh fine. Red light district?"
"Oh yeah!" Sano and Shinpachi says at the same time.

They are inside waiting on a geisha. Heisuke looks into his wallet and sighs. "Man this will cost me all my money. Just for the room! Don't go crazy with the sake guys."

>"We won't." Sano says lifting his cup. Heisuke sighs again. The door open and a geisha comes in and bows. She has long blue hair and green eyes. Heisuke stares. She walks over to Heisuke and pours a drink.
"Oh no its fine. You really don't have to." Her eyes widen.

>"Heisuke..." She says breathlessly. They all stare at her. She bows and takes her leave.<p>

Sano looks utterly confused. Another geisha comes in and bows. "My apologizes. Asuke is new. She's just a bit nervous."
>"Asuke..." Heisuke stands and goes out the way she did. The door slams open as he runs after her.
"You can't go back there!" The geisha calls after Heisuke. He doesn't seem to hear her. He looks around for long blue hair. He finds a woman wiping off her makeup with long blue hair down to her waist. She see's him in the mirror and jumps. She turns and looks at him with tears forming in her eyes.

>"Heisuke?" He's out of breath and nods. "Heisuke!" She stands and hugs him. He hugs her back. It was a soft and gentle hug. They dont break away from the hug as she whispers to him. "Are you not surprised that i'm a women?"
"I'm more surprised you're alive... Your troops..." His voice cracks as if he was on the verge of tears.

>"I took early leave. My mother got sick." They break away at last and she looks up at him, her cheeks are a slight pink. Heisuke smiles a bit at her.
"I see. Oh and by the way. I've known you was a girl."

2. Chapter 2

Chapter 2

She blinks at him in shock. "You've known?" He scratches the back of his head.

>"Yaaaaaaaaaaaaah I heard Hijikata and Kondo talking about it." Her eyes narrow.
"Toshhhiiiii." Heisuke laughs and smiles at her.

>"You've really changed."
"Well duh its been about two years."

>"Not just that." He says with a smile. "You're starting to look like a women."
"H-Heisuke!" Her face is blood red.

Sano and Shinpachi run toward them. "Heisuke are you crazy coming back here?" Shinpachi asks. "We could have been kicked out!" Asuke's face lights up.

>"Shinpachi! Sano!" They look at her quizzically. "Oh! Right!" She takes her hair out of the geisha style and puts it up in a samurai ponytail. They both nearly jump out of their skins.
"ASUKE!" They say at the same time. They go over and hug her. She laughs but Heisuke seems to be a bit jealous.

>"Hey! Asuke! You didn't hug me like that!"
"I'mâ€|.. notâ€|.. huggingâ€|. theyâ€|. areâ€|.. Cantâ€|..breathâ€|..!" They let go and she gasps for air.

>"What are you doing in a place like this? You undercover for the emperor?" Sano asks. "If you are, why are you dressed as a girl?" Asuke and Heisuke look at each other and laugh.
"Shinpachiâ€|. Sanoâ€|.."
She wipes her eyes will trying to contain her laughter. "I am a girl."

They blink a few times. "WHAT?!" They are once again simultaneous.

>"No wayâ€|!" Sano says surprised.
"Your a girl?!" Shinpachi is just as surprised.

>"Yup." She smiles sweetly.
"And you knew Heisuke?!" Shinpachi yells at him.

>"Since the moment I met her." He tries to smile cutely but it doesn't work on them.
"You bastard! All those things I told her!"

He looks embarrassed. Heisuke and Asuke just laugh and laugh at their rambling.

Heisuke looks at Asuke. "Come back with us!"

>"Huh?" She looks seriously over at him as Sano and Shinpachi stop rambling and looks at Heisuke as well.
"Come with us to the Shinsengumi! Everyone will be thrilled to have you back!"

>"I don't know Heisuke. I'm suppose to- I mean to say is that I was named among those who died. I can't just show up out of nowhere."
"Just explain! Pleaseâ€|. We all miss youâ€|." He has a sincere look on his face.

Asuke thinks on it for awhile. "Ok ok I'll come back." They all smile. Heisuke hugs her tightly.

>"Thank youâ€|. " Sano and Shinpachi has this look they give each other. Asuke dresses like a man and looks at them all. Shinpachi rubs the back of his neck.
"You know things are gonna be different now that I know you're a girl." She laughs.

>"Better not go easy on me Shinpachi."<p>

3. Chapter 3

Chapter 3

Asuke approaches Kondou's room. She gulps and Heisuke puts a hand on her shoulder. He smiles and walks away from the door, but hid quietly in the bushes. She walks up the stairs and bows her head. "Excuse me? Kondou?" He is shuffling through papers when he looks at the door.

>"Er, come in?" He wasn't expecting any visitors so he was a bit confused. Asuke walks in and bows.
"I dont know if you remember me." Kondou gets a huge grin on his face.

>"Asuke! Come in! Join me for some tea!" Asuke's heart almost stopped when he said her name happily. She nods and sits across from him.<p>

Kondou happily pours her tea. She smiles at her cup. "Funny, its like I never left." She says in a quiet yet sad tone. Her eyes start to get cloudy and Kondou can see it. "Hey no reason for the tears. Your alive! Thats all I care about. When I heard about your troops I had a feeling that you were out there somewhere. I refused to believe that report." He wears a smile the whole time. Her eyes look at Kondou. "I knew that when I took you into my dojo that you would always come back. And I was right." He chuckles. Asuke's held back tears fell, but no more fell. She just smiles and drinks her tea.

>"I dont want to assume so i'll ask." She says. "Will you take me back?" Kondou just stares at her and gives out a hearty laugh.
"Did you really have to ask?"

He lays a hand on her head and ruffles her hair. "Welcome back." Asuke smiles brightly and give him a hug.

>"Thanks dadâ€|." The door swings open. Heisuke is looking at the two of them full of shock.
"DAD?!" He yells. Kondou laughs and Asuke cries and holds her sides.

>"H-Heisuke! I-I forgot you were in the bushes!" She manages to laugh out.
"What do you mean dad? He isn't your real father is he?!"

>"Of course he is Heisuke." She smiles sweetly. Heisuke's jaw hits the floor.
"You don't even look alike!"

>"She looks just like her mother." Kondou says. "Oh speaking of which I'm so sorry to hear of her passing."
"Its ok. She wasn't in any pain and it was just a small burial." They talk ignoring Heisuke.

He just stands there trying to comprehend what he just heard. Kondou looks at Asuke. "Was you at the funeral?" He says in a serious look.

>"Of course I was."
"I was there too. I wonder why I didn't recognize you then?" He says suspiciously.

>"I look different in womens clothes. You out of all people should know that. I came to you in boys clothes."
"Thats true." Everything was silent. Heisuke looks between the two of them. Kondou is looking at her sternly and Asuke won't even make eye contact with her own father. "Asuke." He says more sternly than the last. She finally looks at him. "I can tell when you're lying. Why weren't you there?"

Her heart began to pound. "I was. Thats the truth. I just couldn't be near her body. I panicked when she passed and I was still in a state of shock. Thats all."

>"I see." His voice was low. He didn't buy a word of it. "Heisuke. Why don't you take her to her room? She's probably had a rough day."
"Y-Yes Kondou." Asuke bows her head in thanks and follows Heisuke out the door.

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